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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Inventors: Hanke *et al.*
Our Ref: 1533.1030002/SRL/SEZ

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
2. PTO-1449 citing 103 documents;
3. Copies of the documents cited on PTO-1449 (AA1-AA7, AB1-AB6, AC1-AC6, AD1-AD6, AE1-AE6, AF1-AF6, AG1-AG6, AH1-AH6, AI1-AI6, AJ1-AJ6, AK1-AK6, AL1-AT1, AR2-AT2, AR3-AT3, AR4-AT4, AR5-AT5, AR6-AT6, AR7-AT7, AR8-AT8, AR9-AT9, AR10-AT10, AR11);
4. Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Sequence Listing;
5. 42 pages of a paper copy of a sequence listing;
6. A computer readable copy of the sequence listing;

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7. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings (in duplicate);
8. Formal Drawings (36 Pages) figures 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5A, 5B, 6, 7A, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 13, 14, 15A-15C, 16, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19, 20, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26; and,
9. One (1) return postcard.

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